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1. Fourteen twin-engine aircraft                      and fourteen planes of the same type                      were counted at the Drewitz (O 52/ /A 68) airfield. There was no flying. Several tank trucks and truck                      were seen at the field. 25X1

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2. The following features of the twin-engine planes were identified from a distance of up to 100 meters. Some planes had one cockpit and some two, but there were no other differences in their form. Both types of planes had in-line engines, as determined by the six exhaust pipes on one side. These planes had radiators under their engines, rudder assemblies which were almost round, a tail wheel slightly forward of leading edge of elevator assembly, and a pointed nose which was not glassed. It was previously observed during flights, that some planes of this type had a glassed-in section aft of the nose, under the fuselage, and forward of the pilot's seat.

3. The propeller hubs, the leading edges of the rudder assembly and the                      rudder assembly of the planes were painted red or blue. For the first time it was observed that                      crated bombs were lying beside each of the 28 planes. Each bomb, about 1 meter long and 20 cm in diameter, had four fins attached at one end. From the size of the fuselage it was assumed that the bombs were mounted in the fuselage in groups of three placed horizontally above each other, in groups of two behind each other, and in groups of two side by side. The planes had two guns mounted side by side in the upper section of the nose. \*

25X1 \*                      Comment. The occupation of the Drewitz airfield by one regiment equipped with twin-engine planes was confirmed by other sources.                       
25X1                      According to previous information this is a bomber regiment. As observed at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the bomber units seem to have been equipped with a new series of PE-2s. The planes are possibly a version of the PE-3. According to reports by                      this type of plane is apparently fitted for releasing bombs although the plexiglass nose was not of the same shape as those previously seen. The assumption that a version of the PE-3 might be

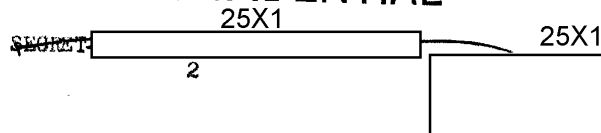
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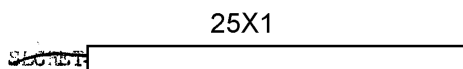
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concerned is supported by the unconfirmed statement that two, apparently stationary, weapons are fitted in the nose. One or two cockpits were noticed on planes with and without plexiglass noses.



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